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Method For Marking Solid, Liquid and Gaseous Substances

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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

### In the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph on page 1 of the application after the title:

# -- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a National Stage application under 35 U.S.C. §371 and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) of International Application No. PCT/DE00/01674 having an International Filing Date of May 22, 2000, which claims benefit of DE 199 34 573.2 filed on July 22, 1999.--

Please delete the paragraph on page 2, lines 27-29.

#### In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 3-21 as follows. A complete set of pending claims is shown.

1. (Amended) A method for labeling and identifying solid, liquid and gaseous substances (S1-n), comprising the steps of:

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